



30 September 2022

To: Squadron Commanders; Squadron Educational Officers; D2 Bridge; Assistant District Educational Officer and Treasurer; Immediate Past District Commander and Immediate Past District Educational Officer; Chairs of the Auditing, Rules and Nominating Committees; Past District Commanders; Past District Educational Officers; Governing Board and Governing Board Emeritus Members

From: D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
District 2 Secretary

**Subject: Call to the COMBINED D2 Summer Council/Fall Conference
Saturday 5 November 2022**

The 2022 District 2 Summer Council and Fall Conference will be held at The Hyatt House, 100 Westage Business Center Drive, Fishkill, NY - 1-845-897-5757. For hotel rooms, call the hotel direct. If the Hyatt House doesn't have any rooms, enclosed is a list of area hotels.

The meetings are open to all members. The uniform for the meetings is USPS Casual or Polos or appropriate comfortable attire. For the Saturday meeting, the D2 Bridge will be comfortable, wearing **USPS/ABC Casual or Polo Shirts**.

Saturday – 0800 – 0845 – Registration and Continental Breakfast in Meeting Room
 0900 – 0930?? -- Summer Council - General Meeting -
 0930?? – 0945 -- Break
 1000 – 1200 -- Fall Conference - General Meeting and Workshop
 1200 – 1300 -- Buffet Lunch
 1300 – 1630 -- Workshop, Awards, General Meeting

Under provisions of the D2 Bylaws, **5.8.3** In the absence of a squadron commander or squadron educational officer, a designated squadron member may act (proxy authorization) for the purposes of voting at a district meeting, and in the absence of an officer for whom there is an elected assistant, the assistant may act for the principal.

Squadron Proxy Voting and Attendance forms are provided as an enclosure. Forms will also be available at member check in.

ANY Awards from ANY FALL OR SPRING Conference should be returned in order to be updated for later presentations. Certificates presented with the awards should be kept by the Squadrons.

There will be electronic seat packets on the District website for the Summer Council and Fall Conference by 5 October 2022. Any additional updates will be on line by 10 October.

The link below is to the area where all the Council/Conference documents, directions, instructions will be located. The electronic seat packet will be published with How to Print for the entire packet or individual pages.

<http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

Don't want to print the seat packet? Simply download the file to your electronic device and view the documents electronically at the meetings.

Please share this information with your Squadron Bridge and Members.

No Face to Face yet? Only want to **ZOOM**? Please tell D/C Susan Darcy by sending an eMail to: sldarcy@roadrunner.com

If you have any questions or need more copies or information, please let me know.
Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Respectfully submitted,

David Wilkinson

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Attachments:

*Summer Council/Fall Conference Registration (PLAIN & Fillable);
Directions to The Hyatt House; List of Hotels in the area;
Preliminary Agendas for the COMBINED Council and Conference;
Attendance Forms for both the Council and Conference with Instructions;
Proxy Forms for both the Council and Conference with Instructions,
D2 Statistics 02/28/22;
Minutes of the 2022 Winter Council and 2022 Spring Conference (06/25/22).*



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D/2 Summer Council & D2 Fall Conference
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Reservations DUE by 29 October 2022

Mail reservations and payment to: D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN
7 Hutchinson Lane
Lenox, MA 01240-2217

Questions? Call (413) 637-2275 or sldarcy@roadrunner.com

CUT & MAIL

District 2 Summer Council/Fall Conference

Due Date 29 October 2022

First Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Second Registrant Name _____ Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

Email: _____ Confirmation of reservations will be sent via Email.

First Time Attending a District 2 Meeting? Check Yes or No

___ No. Attending the Summer Council - Fall Conference

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**Directions to
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General Directions:

- **From: South.** Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North to Exit 17 (Route 17K) – follow the directions from the West below.
or
Take the Taconic State Parkway to Interstate 84 W – follow the directions from the East below.
- **From: North.** Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South. Take the Route 17K exit, Exit 17 toward Newburgh/Stewart Airport. Merge onto Interstate 84 East. Follow the directions from the West below.
- **From: East.** Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13N toward Poughkeepsie. At end of ramp, turn right onto US-9 N. Turn left onto Merritt Boulevard. At the next light, turn left onto Westage Business Center. HYATT House Fishkill/Poughkeepsie is on your right.
- **From: West.** Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 toward Poughkeepsie-Fishkill. At end of ramp, turn left onto US-9 N. Continue on US-9 N and at the fourth light turn left onto Merritt Boulevard. At first light turn left onto Westage Business Center Drive. HYATT House Fishkill/Poughkeepsie is on your right.

**Saturday – November 5, 2022 – Meeting at the Hyatt House
Large Meeting Room with adjacent room
for Continental Breakfast & Lunch Buffet**

**Hyatt House
100 Westage Business Center Drive
Fishkill, NY
(845) 897-5757**

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Best Western Inn & Suites | Holiday Inn Express |
| 14 Schuyler Boulevard | 21 Schuyler Blvd |
| Fishkill, New York 12524 | Fishkill, NY |
| (845) 896-5210 | (845) 896-4001 |
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| Courtyard by Marriott | Quality Inn & Suites Near the I84 Diner |
| 17 Westage Business Center Drive | 849 Route 52 |
| Fishkill, NY | Fishkill, NY |
| (845) 897-2400 | (845) 897-9300 |
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| Extended Stay America | Springhill by Marriott |
| 25 Merritt Blvd - Route 9 | 500 Westage Business Center Dr. |
| Fishkill, NY | Fishkill, NY |
| (845) 897-2800 | (845) 896-8100 |
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| Hampton Inn | Wingate by Wyndam |
| 544 Route 9 | 20 Schuyler Blvd |
| Fishkill, NY | Fishkill, NY |
| (845) 896-4000 | (845) 991-1086 |
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| Hilton Garden Inn | |
| 25 Westage Business Center Drive | |
| Fishkill, NY | |
| (845) 896-7100 | |
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Email Address: boshkong2022@gmail.com



To: District 2 Squadron Commanders

From: D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
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Subject: Proxy Voting at the Summer Council – 11-05-22

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Looking forward to seeing you, and your SEO at the Winter Council.

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District 2 Summer Council
05 November 2022



Proxy Form

Squadron: _____

Name of Commander: _____

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Subject: How to Use the New Summer Council Attendance Form

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| SQUADRON | CHARTERED | ACTIVE MEMBERS | DELEGATES |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| BERKSHIRE | 26 JANUARY 1974 | 29 | 2 |
| DARIEN | 12 OCTOBER 1953 | 162 | 5 |
| GREENWICH | 9 JUNE 1984 | 155 | 4 |
| LAKE CANDLEWOOD | 20 MAY 1963 | 76 | 2 |
| LAKE GEORGE | 2 JUNE 1947 | 20 | 2 |
| MID-HUDSON | 26 JUNE 1926 | 17 | 2 |
| MOHAWK HUDSON | 31 MARCH 1939 | 31 | 2 |
| NORWALK | 10 DECEMBER 1935 | 60 | 2 |
| PENFIELD | 7 SEPTEMBER 1969 | 39 | 2 |
| SACANDAGA | 4 OCTOBER 1951 | 9 | 2 |
| SAUGATUCK RIVER | 29 MAY 1957 | 29 | 2 |
| STAMFORD | 10 NOVEMBER 1928 | 45 | 2 |
| STORM KING | 10 JUNE 1978 | 35 | 2 |
| WESTCHESTER | 9 FEBRUARY 1937 | 52 | 2 |
| D2 TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS | | 759 | 33 |
| REVISED TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS | | 707 | 31 |

No Jr/AP/SC Members are included in Active Member Totals

Since Westchester dissolved after the February 28th date and their members have transferred to other Squadrons and Districts, their 4 votes have been lost (Cdr; SEO and 2 delegates). Any members transferred to other D2 Squadrons will be reflected in the next February 2023 statistics.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDAS FOR THE SUMMER COUNCIL AND THE FALL CONFERENCE

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| 0800 – 0900 Registration & Continental Breakfast | |
| 0900 – Summer Council Call to Order | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Invocation | P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP |
| Pledge of Allegiance | D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P |
| Introductions | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Any Guest Introductions | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Roll Call of Conference Members | D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S |
| D2 Bridge; Immediate P/D/C & PDEO; Chairs of Rules; NomCom; & Auditing; All Squadron Cdrs and SEOs | |
| Determination of a Quorum | D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S |
| Approval of the Winter Council Minutes (25 June 2022) | D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S |
| Financial Report | D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN |
| New Business | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Proposed Budget 2023-2024 | D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN |
| Announcements | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Concluding Remarks | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Benediction | P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP |
| Adjournment | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| <i>Approximately 0930 ~ 0945</i> | |
| 0945 – 1000 - Break | |
| 1000 – Fall Conference Call to Order | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
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| Canadian National Anthem | (If needed) |
| Introductions | |
| Guests | D/FI/Lt Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P |
| P/D/Cs, & P/DEOs | P/D/C Andy Papademetriou, SN P/D/Lt/C Andrew M. Cummings, JN |
| Governing Board Emeritus & Governing Board Members | P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP |
| Introduction of the National Representatives | P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP |



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA (Cont'd)

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| Chief Commander's Message – Q & A | |
| Workshop | |
| <i>Educational Update and Roundtable</i> | D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN |
| <i>Noon - Lunch</i> | |
| 1300 - Fall Conference Reconvenes | |
| Workshop Roundtable | |
| <i>What's Wrong with the District and/or What's Right with the District?</i> | Squadron Cdrs & SEOs, and Delegates |
| General Committee Reports as Needed | |
| Rules Committee | P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP |
| Nominating Committee | P/D/C Gino Bottino, AP |
| Auditing Committee | P/C William Gratz, SN |
| Standing Committee Reports as Needed | P/D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, SN |
| Law Committee | |
| Other Committee Reports as Needed | |
| Council & Conference Committee | |
| Membership Status Report | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| VSC Committee | D/Lt/C Robert J. Terry, P |
| Marketing Committee/PRO | |
| Bridge Reports – Comments Only | |
| Treasurer | D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN |
| Secretary | D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S |
| Administrative Officer | D/Lt/C Craig Burry, P |
| Educational Officer | D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN |
| Executive Officer | D/Lt/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP |
| Commander | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Financial Report | D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN |
| Roll Call of Conference Members | D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S |
| D2 Bridge; Immediate P/D/C & PDEO; Chairs of Rules; NomCom; & Auditing; Governing Board Emeritus Members; All P/D/Cs & P/DEOs in good standing; All Squadron Cdrs and SEOs and Squadron delegates. | |
| Determination of a Quorum | D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S |
| Approval of the Spring Conference Minutes (25 June 2022) | D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S |
| Proposed 2023-2023 Budget | D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN |



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA (Cont'd)

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| Awards Shipping Over Awards Mel Cohen Safety Awards Mal Ochs Children Safe Boating Award | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN |
| Educational Awards (Individual) | D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN D/1/Lt George Hallenbeck, AP |
| Chapman Award – District Nominee | D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN D/1/Lt George Hallenbeck, AP |
| Educational Awards – Squadron Awards Carl L. Plock Memorial Award Greenwich Piloting Award P/R/C Frank Gratz Memorial Award D/2 Past District Educational Officer Award Prince Henry Award Stanley Stevens Memorial Award Stamford-Doolittle Award | D/Lt/C Joseph A. Lynch, JN D/1/Lt George Hallenbeck, AP |
| New Business | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Announcements | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Concluding Remarks | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |
| Benediction | P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP |
| Adjournment | D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN |



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**Minutes of the District 2 Winter Council
25 June 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0901 by D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN. Attendees included, but were not limited to: P.J. Adler; Peter Adler; Geoffrey Axt; Jeff Brown; Fred Cronin; D/Lt/C Andrew J. Cummings, DEO; Richard Daddario; D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN; Sherry Dey; Jim Dobbs; P/D/C Vincent J. Evans, P; Stf/C Alexandria Digilio-Feldberg, P; P/D/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP; P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP; P/C William Gratz, SN; William Greenwald; George Hallenbeck; Frank Isele; P/D/Lt/C Robert P. Kelly, SN; Frank Kemp; Joseph P. Lynch; Rich Malloy; Fred Mangelsdorf; Linda Mangelsdorf; Lynn Wise Oliver; D/Lt/C John P. Pedersen, SN; P/D/Lt/C Anne Peskin; Donald Peterson; Mike Ryan; P/D/C Susan P. Ryan; P/D/Lt/C Virginia Schmidt-Gedney; P/D/C Howard Sklar, AP; Marcia Sklar; Kathy Smogyi; Robert Steckel; Robert Terry; William Vernon; P/D/Lt/C Karl Wagner; and D/Lt/C David Wilkinson, S. It was determined that a quorum was present following the roll call conducted by D/Lt/C David Wilkinson, S, Secretary.

Invocation: D/C Susan Darcy offered an invocation. Following the invocation, Staff Commander Alexander Digilio-Feldberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of 2021 Summer Council minutes: D/C Susan Darcy asked if there were any corrections or additions needed. Fred Mangelsdorf raised an issue with a statement in the minutes about the budget, which required clarification. Revised to indicate that the District assessment against a squadron will remain the same at \$7.00 for individuals and \$10.50 per family unit. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as modified.

Nominating Report: P/D/C Vincent J. Evans, P, presented the report from the Nominating Committee. It was noted that the positions of Executive Officer and Educational Officer were listed as "open," despite the efforts of the Committee. A motion was made and passed to place the Nominating Committee Report on the agenda for the Spring Conference. P/D/C Howard Sklar asked if the candidates for the Rules, Auditing, and Nominating Committee should be included on the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. P/D/C Vincent Evens confirmed that even though they were excluded from the report, the present Committee Chairs have all agreed to remain until the next Change of Watch.

Benediction: P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP, delivered a benediction. The Winter Council ended thereafter at 0925. The Spring Conference will begin at 1000 or sooner. A discussion ensued about the starting time of the Spring Conference.

Respectfully Submitted
D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson
District Secretary

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Minutes of the District 2 Spring Conference **25 June 2022**

During the break between the Winter Council and the Spring Conference, an offline discussion took place about the Nominating Committee Report. William Gratz and Donald Peterson both offered to remain on the Auditing Committee; Virginia Schmidt-Gedney offered to serve as Executive Officer and, ultimately, Commander down the road. Joseph Lynch offered to serve as District Education Officer.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1002 by D/C Susan L. Darcy, JN. P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP delivered an Invocation, following which Staff Commander Alexandria Digilio-Feldberg, P, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Memorial Service: P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP, led a memorial service for those we have lost in the past year. Those who have taken their final voyage are as follows: Stephen D. Parker and Leo Robillard (Berkshire); Ann Fuller, William Myers, and Grace Pederson (Darien); Ralph Kravitz, Neil Thomas, Harry Twitchell, and Reinhold Vogel (Greenwich); Charles M. Puckette and Steven Snyder (Lake George); James D. Pratt and Jerry L. Toepfer (Mid-Hudson); Jack Cohen, Anthony Mobilia, and Donald Relyea (Norwalk); Edwin Collins, Louis F. Fernous, Walter Flynn, Joan Pappas, and MaryEllen Thompson (Penfield); John Luscombe, Hugh Sebastian, and Albert Stauderman (Saugatuck River); and Nettie Goldstein and Peggy Howland (Westchester).

Following the Memorial Service, Staff Commander Alexander Digilio-Feldberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Guests: The following attendees were introduced as guests: District Guests: C/C Craig D. Fraser, SN – D7 – Akron Sail and Power Squadron; D/C Theodore O. Wallace, AP D4 – Watchung Sail and Power Squadron; Cdr Joseph Balbo AP – D4 – Shrewsbury Power Squadron; and P/C Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P – D23 – Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron. Governing Board Emeritus Members: William F. Gratz, SN – Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron; Edward V. Weber, SN – Mid-Hudson Power Squadron; Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP – Darien Sail and Power Squadron; and Donald Gladstone, P – Mid-Hudson Power Squadron.

Welcoming Remarks: After welcoming folks to the Spring Conference, D/C Susan Darcy introduced Chief Commander Craig Fraser, SN to deliver the **Chief Commander's Message**. Among the highlights:

Our Mission and Vision Statements were discussed. Membership is "job one."

Commander Fraser spoke about marketing USPS and education and our new Tri-fold brochures. Other marketing tools discussed include the America's Boating Club app. Slide presentations are also available. We have a new digital campaign targeting either new boaters or experienced boaters.

For education, he spoke about the virtual classroom opportunities, the Learning Management System (LMS), and recent price restructuring. Seminars can be offered at no cost to the student unless a student wants credit for the course.

Squadrons can teach ABC3 until 12/31/2022. There are 10 new videos featured on America's Boating Channel. The Basic Boating Skills virtual trainer is available in a PC version.

There will be a new Marine Navigation course, which will replace the Piloting course.

The plan to dissolve Districts has been taken off the table.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of 2021 Fall Conference Minutes: Cdr Darcy asked if any corrections or additions were needed for the Fall Conference Minutes. Fred Mangelsdorf offered the same observation that he made about the 2021 Summer Council Minutes. The same corrections were made to the statement about the budget. A motion to approve the Fall Conference Minutes as amended was made and passed.

Educational Update: This was delivered by D/Lt/C Andrew M. Cummings, JN. The highlights of his presentation included the America's Boating Channel. Final submissions for the Chapman Awards are due to National by September 1, 2022. New 2022 student and instructor manuals are available, as well as a revised ED-17 form for administering exams. The Fall Governing Board will take place in Raleigh, NC from September 11-18, 2022 and an Instructor Recertification course will be offered. Andy also talked about new fire extinguisher rules. Extinguishers now include a UL label regarding their capacity; must not be more than 12 years old; and must be serviceable.

Committee Reports: Rules: Our bylaws need to be updated. Auditing: All appears to be in order. Law: No report. Councils and Conferences: No events planned for the immediate future. Public Relations: National is now communicating directly with Squadrons. Membership: Our numbers are down.

Officers' Final Reports: Treasurer – Thank you for your input. Education Officer – No report. Secretary – no report. Executive Officer – no report.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Martin Feldberg asked why we had so much money in our checking account. D/Lt/C Pedersen commented that officers do not seek reimbursement for expenses on a regular basis to date. A motion was made to accept the report of the Auditing Committee. The motion passed. Cdr Darcy expressed sincere thanks to D/Lt/C John Pedersen for all his hard work.

Individual and General Awards: New Life Members (25 Merit Marks) Lt/C William J. Burgage, AP – Storm King Power Squadron; P/C John B. Hess, AP – Darien Sail and Power Squadron; and P/Lt/C David T. Stafford, AP – Lake George Power Squadron. Distinguished Communication Awards – Publications: Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron (*Harbor Light*); Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron (*Dredgings*). Distinguished Communication Awards – Websites: Darien Sail & Power Squadron; Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron; Lake Candlewood Power Squadron; Mohawk Hudson Sail & Power Squadron; Norwalk Sail & Power Squadron; Sacandaga Power Squadron; and Stamford Power Squadron. Educational Fund Honor Squadrons: Berkshire (28 years); Lake Candlewood Power Squadron (34 years); Lake George Power Squadron (51 years); Mid-Hudson Power Squadron (36 years); Mohawk Hudson Sail & Power Squadron (36 years); Norwalk Sail & Power Squadron (40 years); Penfield Power Squadron (51 years); Saugatuck River Sail & Power Squadron (39 years); Stamford Sail & Power Squadron (39 years); and Westchester Sail & Power Squadron (48 years).

Unawarded District Awards: The award for Outstanding Squadron was not awarded for 2021. The Past District Commander's Award was also not awarded for 2021. The Richard Moore Operations Training

Award is presently to be determined, as is the Vessel Safety Check Examiner's Award. A discussion followed about the status of these awards.

Nominating Report: P/D/C Vincent J. Evans, P, presented the report from the Nominating Committee. A motion was made and passed for the District Secretary to cast one vote for the proposed slate. The present District Officers, with the exception of the Secretary were dismissed, following which any nominations from the floor were solicited. Martin Feldberg was nominated to serve as Executive Officer. He accepted and the motion was seconded. Joseph Lynch was nominated to serve as District Education Officer. He accepted and this motion was seconded. Virginia Schmidt-Gedney withdrew her interest in serving as Executive Officer. The position of Assistant Treasurer will remain open. The present members of the Auditing and Rules Committee will continue in these roles.

A motion for D/Lt/C David Wilkinson, S, District Secretary to cast one affirmative ballot for the proposed slate. This motion was seconded and carried and Mr. Wilkinson did so cast a vote as directed, following which the new officers were sworn in. Commander Darcy then thanked all those who had offered to serve the District.

New Business: The resolution submitted by Susan Ryan and Howard Sklar regarding the dissolving of USPS District 2 was withdrawn. Fred Mangelsdorf also withdrew his proposed resolution regarding this same issue. A discussion took place about the standing resolution regarding restructuring of USPS. Commander Darcy suggested that this item be tabled and forwarded to the National Planning Committee for their review and input.

Closing remarks and questions: Discussion about future in-person meetings under the new structure. Will folks be encouraged to attend? Perhaps a hybrid meeting i.e. in-person with a remote option, which has been done before.

The District Secretary** was asked to include, in the minutes from today's meeting, a list of attendees. Mr. Wilkinson responded that he would do so to the best of his ability.

P/D/C Jeffrey Gerwig observed that this has been a great conference.

P/D/C Howard Sklar thanked Susan for leading such a well-organize meeting.

Benediction: As there was no further business to discuss, P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP offered a benediction. Following the benediction, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at **1227**.

Respectfully Submitted

D/Lt/C David J. Wilkinson

District Secretary

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